

Provincial Premiers

Bob Rae Premier of Ontario

Bob Rae was born in Ottawa, Ontario, on Aug. 2, 1948. He has a bachelor of arts and a law degree from the University of Toronto and was one of two Rhodes scholars from Ontario in 1969. He obtained a graduate degree in politics from Oxford University and later worked in a housing and legal aid clinic in London. His legal training was in labour law and included work for the United Steelworkers of America in Toronto.

As the federal member of Parliament for the Toronto riding of Broadview-Greenwood from 1978 to 1982, he served as the New Democratic Party's housing and finance critic.

Mr. Rae was elected leader of the Ontario New Democrats in February 1982 and became a member of provincial parliament for York South, following a by-election in November of the same year. He was re-elected to that seat in the general elections of 1985, 1987 and 1990.

Sworn in as premier in 1990, Bob Rae leads the first New Democrat government in the history of Ontario.

Premier Rae is married to Arlene Perly. They have three daughters.